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In Re the Application of:

VAN DOREN et al.

Serial No.: 10/666,433

Filed: September 18, 2003

Atty. File No.: 3944-13-CIP

For: "A Process and Apparatus for Improving
and Controlling the Vulcanization of
Natural and Synthetic Rubber Compounds")

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) Examiner: KOSOWSKI, Alexander J.
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) Confirmation No.: 8306
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) **PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONAL**
) **DELAY IN CLAIMING PRIORITY**
) **UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Petition to correct the priority claimed in the above-identified patent application. The undersigned states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR. 1.78(a)(2) or 1.78(a)(5), and the filing date of this petition is unintentional.

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, a Request for a Three-Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action, extending the date from December 3, 2004 to March 3, 2005, along with a check in the amount of \$450 for such extension fee (minus the previously paid \$60.00 for a one-month extension), and a Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,370.00 for payment of the fee as set for in 37 CFR 1.17(t) for claiming priority to prior applications after the four month deadline from when the above-identified application was filed. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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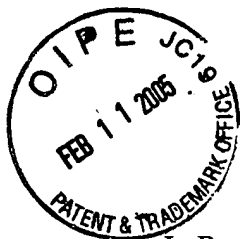
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) AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Examiner's rejection of priority documents for the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from December 3, 2004 to March 3, 2005, as well as a check in the amount of \$450.00 as payment for such extension. Please be aware that Applicant previously paid for an extension of one-month in the amount of \$60.00. This amount has been deducted from the initial \$510.00 fee for a three-month extension. Also enclosed is a Petition for Unintentional Delay in Claiming Priority, together with a check in the amount of \$1,370.00 as payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t).

Note that, as per a conversation with the Examiner on December 21, 2004, in addition to the request herein to amend the paragraph claiming the benefit of related applications, a corresponding Supplemental Application Data Sheet is also being provided having the same priorities as identified in the amendment to the specification requested herein.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Application No. 10/666,433

*"Amendment to the Specification as a Response
to the Office Action Dated September 3, 2004"*

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows:

This application is a Continuation-in-Part ~~application of pending prior aof~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 10/267,197 filed October 8, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/394,736 filed July 9, 2002[[. T]]; ~~the present application also claims benefit~~ is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/815,342 filed March 21, 2001, and is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/102,614 filed March 19, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,774,643), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/278,034 filed March 21, 2001[[. T]]; ~~the~~ entire disclosure of these prior applications ~~[[are]]~~ is considered to be part of the disclosure of this ~~accompanying~~ application and ~~[[are]]~~ is hereby incorporated by reference.

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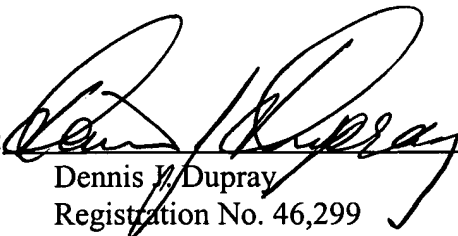
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants request that the amendments to the priority data herein claimed be entered.
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

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